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TITLE:	METHOD FOR THE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF CHRONIC VENOUS INSUFFICIENCY	)	

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Dear Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to substantive examination of the referenced application, please enter the following amendments into the application. Claims 12-21 remain pending after the entering of this amendment.

**AMENDMENT**

In the Specification

On page 1, after the Title of the Invention please insert the following:

**--RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/329,848, filed June 11, 1999, entitled "Method for the Prevention and Treatment of Chronic Venous Insufficiency."--

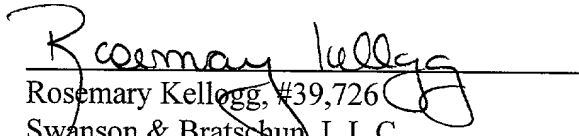
In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-12.

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Respectfully submitted,

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